

17 May 2024

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### **Make Visible Te Whanganui-a-Tara Project**

I refer to your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 26 April 2024. You requested the following information in relation to the [Make Visible Te Whanganui-a-Tara](#) project :

- 1) What was the cost of the "lesbians are everywhere" bus advertising campaign?
- 2) Who paid for the above, from what budget?
- 3) Please provide breakdowns of any rainbow community / LGBTQI+ related spending by Wellington Council since 1 January 2020.

Wellington City Council has partly granted your request for information.

Make Visible Te Whanganui-a-Tara is a community-led project designed to grow support, create positive change, and increase awareness for rainbow communities of Wellington.

With rainbow communities experiencing disproportionately higher rates of anxiety, suicide, and depression than the general population in New Zealand, Wellington City Council are supporting our city's rainbow communities through this community-led project.

**Question 1 & 2 -** *What was the cost of the "lesbians are everywhere" bus advertising campaign? Who paid for the above, from what budget?*

The "Lesbians are Everywhere" bus back cost was \$2,600, including bus back hire and printing the signage (\$1,600 +GST), alongside artist fees of \$1,000.

The budget for this was allocated from the Creative Capital City Arts operational budget.

**Question 3 -** *Please provide breakdowns of any rainbow community / LGBTQI+ related spending by Wellington Council since 1 January 2020.*

I understand similar questions have already been raised by yourself. One logged under SR925740 on 19 March 2024, which was responded to on 3 April 2024 and a further request on 8 April 2024, logged under SR-935538, which was forwarded to the Council's Official Information team and responded to on 8 May 2024 under reference number IRC-6287.

Local government has an important role to play in promoting the social, cultural, environmental, and economic wellbeing of people and communities.

One way we contribute to this is funding for community organisations and businesses. Information regarding Council funding is publicly available and can be found on our website [here](#). This webpage provides the different types of funding available and past allocations where applicable.

With this in mind, we believe this part of your request has already been satisfied.

**Right of review**

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

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**Official Information**